

# The Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)

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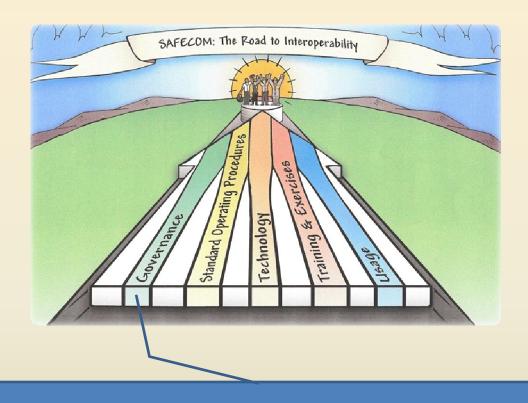
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#### **MOUs**

Gentleman's MOU Agreement

- Used to ensure smooth operations where there are shared resources or workflows
- Designed to create a clear understanding of each party's commitment to the other

# SAFECOM Interoperability



Governance requires Leadership, Decision-Making Groups, Funding, Strategic Planning and Agreements (MOUs)

### Creation of an MOU Template

Simplifies the creation of new agreements

Helps avoid important omissions

Allows people to become familiar with the information included

#### Recommended Structure

- 1. Introduction
- 2. Purpose
- 3. Scope
- 4. Definitions
- 5. Policy

- 6. User Procedures
- 7. Maintenance
- 8. Oversight
- 9. Compliance
- 10. Updates

#### SAFECOM and MOUs

Recognizes that MOUs play a vital role in improving interoperability

Part of a *comprehensive* approach that is more than technology-centric

Provides guidance for developing an MOU, including recommendations for structure, questions to consider, and sample language

## Next Steps

PSIC requested copies of MOUs addressing shared use of radio communication systems. Documents are still needed.

The PSIC Office is reviewing and comparing all documents received to understand issues needing to be addressed by the model templates.

PSIC Staff will also review and may integrate components of MOUs available in the national repository.

PSIC will distribute draft MOUs for comment to SIEC workgroups. Once approved by SIEC, MOUs will be presented to PSCC for approval



# Questions? Discussion...

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